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ITS HISTORY.—This berry was found growing wild in one of our Red Cedar Groves, six years ago. When found there were but four plants. The large berries on plants growing in solid sod attracted our attention. We thought that a variety that would yield such stems of large berries in sod, would do pretty well cultivated, and we have not been disappointed. It is a staminate variety; plants very stocky and large averaging from 16 to 18 inches in height. It fruits very heavy. Is a berry shaped about like the Crescent, but very much larger, and holds its size down to the last picking better than any varitey we have ever grown. Ripens very early. It is a fast runner, entirely covering the ground in one season, set three feet apart in rows and rows three and one-half feet apart. Flavor, very rich, nearest the wild strawberry flavor of any variety we have ever grown.



Finds it a Staminate Variety that is Fully Equal to
The Crescent.

Messrs. Gardner & Son,

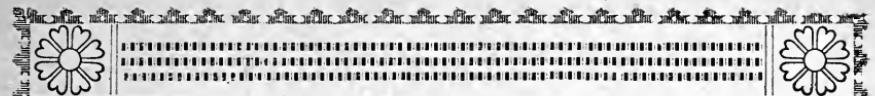
Osage, Iowa.

Gentlemen:—I have been engaged in cultivating small fruit for twenty-five years; have made special tests with twenty or more varieties, among them Parker Earle, Beder Wood, Haight's Seedling, Jessie, Michal's Early. Of staminate varieties I find the GARDNER'S SEEDLING a Prolific Bearer, a good fertilizer and runner, fully equal to the Crescent. I am glad to recommend your Seedling to the public, and herewith send an order for 100 more plants.

Respectfully,

ISAAC CLASON.





What the best Authority in the United States has to say of the GARDNER.

Last year we noted in *Rural Life* the promise of the new seedling strawberry originated by C. F. Gardner, of Osage, Iowa. This season we have given attention to the plant, blossom, and fruit. Joining our observations to the reports of the originator and others we conclude the GARDNER will have a place in our select list. It is hard in these days to produce a variety that excels in every point some of our favorites. But I can safely say that as a pollen bearer the GARDNER is scarcely equalled, and in the quantity of fruit it sets, it equals Parker Earle. In size, color, and quality, it is not superior to Haverland. In color it is not quite equal to the latter. But it has a merit not possessed by Crescent, Parker Earle, Beder Wood, Warfield, or Haverland; it holds up well in shipping. Mr. Gardner sent us four boxes that were delayed in some way and reached us two days after the letter and the letter was as slow as is passenger travel between Osage and Ames. Yet we failed to find a crushed berry in the boxes. Our guess is that friend Gardner has discovered a very valuable strawberry.—*Prof. J. L. Budd, Rural Life, June 29.*



What people say who have seen the GARDNER fruiting.

C. F. Gardner & Son,

Gentlemen:—Permit me to congratulate you on the success of your new strawberry, the GARDNER, and at the same time recommend it to the public. I believe it has never been equalled. You have done the profession a valuable service in bringing out this new berry.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. ANNIS.



OFFICE OF CITY MAYOR.

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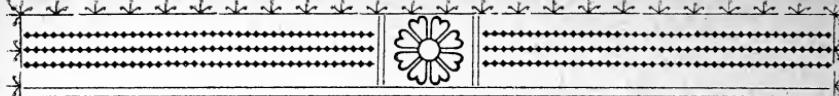
Dear Sirs:—The GARDNER Strawberry is the finest that I have ever seen. Fruit very large and even all over the patch, and very fine flavored. It is truly a wonderful sight to see the large clusters of berries held up 6 to 10 inches from the ground, out of the dirt, by such monster fruit stems as this variety has. You have got a good thing, and I wish you the best of success in introducing it.

Yours truly,

E. S. FONDA.

OFFICE OF E. S. FONDA, PRESIDENT
MITCHELL CO. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.





OUR MANNER OF PACKING.

Gardner & Son,

Osage, Iowa.

Esteemed Friends:—Your bill received and stock also came to hand at the same time. Your manner of packing struck me as being very unique, but I must say that you deserve credit for packing well, as the stock arrived in EXCELLENT CONDITION.

Yours very truly,

OFFICE OF MORRISVILLE NURSERY,
MORRISVILLE, PA.

SAMUEL C. MOON.

Shrewd business men see in the GARDNER a valuable addition to their lists and are getting a stock as fast as possible. Among them are such people as

The J. T. Lovett Co., Little Silver, N. J.
C. G. Patten, Charles City, Iowa.
F. S. Phoenix, Bloomington, Ill.
T. C. Thurlow, West Newbury, Mass.
Jewell Nursery Co., Lake City, Minn.
G. W. McCluer, Champaign, Ill.
A. K. Clingman, Homer, La.
W. H. Gilman, Nestor, Cal.
R. D. McGeehon, Atlantic, Iowa.

Prices for season '94-'95 will be as follows:

Per doz.	.	.	.	\$ 2 00
Per 50	.	.	.	5 00
Per 100	.	.	.	10 00

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